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Chapter 2. Transportation Assistance by Other Agencies

2.1 Assistance by Other Agencies

2.1.1 NASA Center TO/TMs can obtain general assistance directly from the General Services Administration's Regional Office or, in exceptional cases, from the Surface Deployment and Distribution Command Regional Office having responsibility for the geographic area in which the NASA Center is located.

2.2 General Services Administration

2.2.1 The General Services Administration, upon request, will provide freight traffic management data and services to all civilian agencies. NASA Center TO/TMs can obtain routine traffic management data and services directly from their Regional Office. Specific services include the following:

- a. Providing commercial carrier rates, routes, and charges.
- b. Developing proper technical description of articles for shipment.
- c. Providing general traffic management information, instructions, and training.
- d. Investigating loss/damage and assisting in filing claims.
- e. Conducting assistance visits and technical reviews.
- f. Using the Centralized Household Goods Traffic Management Program.

2.3 Surface Deployment and Distribution Command

2.3.1 The Surface Deployment and Distribution Command supervises the performance of the DoD's traffic management functions. They control all cargo moving via the Defense Logistics Management System (DLMS). Specific services include the following:

- a. Providing information on commodities such as equipment, explosives, rocket fuels, and pressurants including rates, routes, and changes. This information can be obtained from the DLMS Eastern Area or Western Area Headquarters.
- b. Providing technical assistance when it is necessary to ship NASA cargo via Military Sealift Command resources through Military Traffic Management Command terminals.
- c. Revising Military Standard Transportation and Movement Procedures (MILSTAMPS) that are applicable to NASA Centers that affect shipments to most overseas destinations by utilizing DoD air or water transportation resources.

2.4 Air Force Air Mobility Command

2.4.1 Upon request, the Air Force Air Mobility Command (AMC) will provide aircraft for NASA special airlift requirements including Special Assignment Airlift Missions and special test-loading requirements. Use of AMC's services by NASA includes, but is not limited to, those instances in which commercial capability is not available to transport bulky items, items of extreme sensitivity requiring a controlled environment, or items needed to meet a critical launch schedule. Only NASA Center TO/TMs may authorize use of AMC's capabilities.

2.5 Military Sealift Command

2.5.1 Upon request, the Military Sealift Command (MSC) will provide oceangoing vessels or cargo space for special missions. NASA Center TOs may order shipments, using MSC's resources.

2.6 Department of Transportation

2.6.1 The Department of Transportation (DOT) publishes the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR) in 49 CFR, Parts 171-180. The HMR governs the transportation of hazardous materials (hazmat) in commerce. DOT issues Special Permits, formerly known as Exemptions and Approvals, which are documents authorizing the agency to perform a function that is not currently authorized under the authority of HMR. This Agency complies with Federal hazardous materials transportation law by following DOT hazmat training requirements for employees involved in pretransportation, transportation, and the packaging process of the transportation of hazmat in commerce.

2.7 International Air Transport Association

2.7.1 Hazardous materials shipped via air freight must comply with current DOT regulations. The DOT authorizes use of the International Civil Aviation Organization's (ICAO) Technical Instructions that most air freight companies use. The International Air Transport Association's (IATA) Dangerous Goods Regulations govern the transportation of dangerous goods (hazmat) by air.

2.8 International Maritime Organization

2.8.1 The International Maritime Organization is responsible for the promulgation of regulations that govern the international transportation of hazardous materials and dangerous goods by oceangoing vessel. These regulations may be used by the TO/TM tendering a shipment for inland water transportation as allowed by the DOT.

2.9 Departments of Commerce and State

2.9.1 The Departments of Commerce and State provide information on export and import controls and requisite licensing requirements. Export administration within NASA will be in accordance with the NASA's Export Control Program Manual published by NASA's Office of External Relations.

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